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An important part of Framingham State College's educational mission is to teach our students about the responsibilities they will hold as ethical citizens in our region, state, nation, and world. It is increasingly clear to me that a key part of this responsibility rests in our stewardship of our natural environment. Climate changes can no longer be ignored. As an educational institution it is our responsibility not only to provide a broad-based curriculum in how we impact the environment but also to model good environmental citizenship for our students and our community.

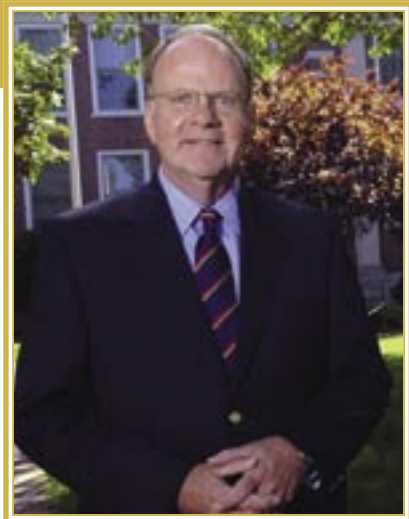
I recently joined some 230-plus college presidents from across the nation in signing the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment. In this agreement we pledge to reduce our carbon emissions as much as possible. While we are currently drafting a timeframe for achieving "carbon neutrality," we have already undertaken many of the initiatives recommended by the Climate Commitment. For instance, as you will read about in the cover story to this magazine, we recently integrated the study and analysis of global climate change across the curriculum during a week-long teach-in. We have also adopted energy-efficient purchasing and renovations policies—the fall 2007 renovations of Crocker Hall, for example, will certify the building as a "green building" according to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System.TM

How can you help? *Green for Green* is a new fund at FSC that will help offset the cost of renovating buildings to meet LEED standards, and will support other environmental-friendly initiatives on the campus. Consider making a gift to this or to another fund. Many opportunities exist for helping students achieve the same terrific education you received at Framingham State College, including our corporate scholars program, endowments to support student research and faculty scholarship, and support for the sciences. A more complete list of some of the ways you can make a difference can be found on the inside back cover.

As I wrap up my first year here at the college, I am more convinced than ever of the strength of our great institution. The students are bright and eager to learn, the faculty are dedicated teacher-scholars, and our alumni represent a body of accomplishment throughout the Commonwealth and indeed across the nation and even the world. I look forward to many more years working with our community.

Yours truly,

Timothy J. Flanagan, PhD



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Cover to Cover

I read the winter magazine from cover to cover! As usual—nicely done. I especially enjoyed the article on adoption and was impressed to find that this was originally a student piece.

And of course, the piece on mentoring turned out very well. I actually saw a grade school teacher, Cheryl Martino Ryan, '72, who taught both of my children and is an alumna. She commented on the mentoring article and quoted nearly verbatim the portion about me. The magazine is certainly being read!

Suzanne Neubauer, PhD

*Professor, food and nutrition
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International Adoption

I just finished reading the FSC magazine, and I had to write to say how much I enjoyed reading "International adoptions bring joy to many FSC families." I

brought my son, Jackson, home from the Moscow region of Russia in July 2006. He has added a bright new dimension to our lives, so I love reading and hearing stories of other adoptive families.

Having recently gone through the international adoption process, I know how different each experience is, but what each family typically has in common is that they've waited a long time, spent a lot of money, and traveled far and wide to meet the child that they ultimately come to feel was somehow fated to be theirs. Your article successfully captured this spirit.

Thank you for highlighting the beauty and miracle that is international adoption.

Susan Westcott Alessandri, PhD, '91

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Monica Yerxa, '07, whose article on international adoptions appeared in the winter 2007 issue, returned to Ecuador in February to visit the orphanage where she had spent her first three years and to volunteer at another orphanage. Part of her account of that experience follows.

Every step I took on the land was a place where I had never stepped before. I was flying solo on this adventure and was petrified.

I volunteered my time at For His Children Orphanage and learning the intense, sad history of each child made me feel angry and helpless. These children and babies were so new to the world and already had so much history.

It wasn't long before I was calling the orphanage my home. I made sure I was there every day to play with and care for the children and help them with their daily routines. I was relieved to see that they attended preschool daily and those who were old enough attended a local elementary school. I was able to tag along on doctor appointments with a six-week premature baby and had the opportunity to assist



Monica Yerxa (center) at the orphanage. Prior to her trip she raised over \$1,000 to purchase baby formula, some of it seen here.

children during water therapy sessions. Many of the children have people who sponsor them and pray for them daily. Their history, although initially sad, can mean better opportunities for them in the future.

While in Ecuador, my heart struggled. Most days it broke but eventually came back together like a puzzle.

Mari Megias Initiates a New Era in Communications at FSC



Mari Megias joined the administration in April as the director of college communications. In this newly created position, she will strengthen the college's communications and public relations capacities, using new media to reach

the college's various audiences. "I really want to get the word out that FSC is the great institution it is," she says. "With marketing and public relations tools and whatever resources we have at our disposal, we will make sure we are listening to our constituencies and providing them with what they need."

Megias has outstanding expertise and experience in the communications field. For ten years, she worked in communications at Boston University School of Dental Medicine, most recently as director of communications. There she integrated print and electronic media and executed many key public relations

and media initiatives, working with administration, faculty, alumni, donors and others. Megias's arrival at FSC coincides with the implementation of the Unified Digital Campus project and the Luminis Web portal. In step with these initiatives, her efforts will transform the possibilities for disseminating and sharing information.

Before working at BU, Megias spent several years as a manuscript editor at Little, Brown and Company, publishers, in Boston. She holds an MS in public relations from Boston University College of Communication and is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Wheaton College, Norton, Mass., with a BA summa cum laude in English literature.

Megias is enthusiastic about being at Framingham State College: "It's a beautiful place and there are lots of really smart people here." She is a native of Quincy, Mass., with roots both local and international: her mother grew up in Natick and her father is from Spain. Megias speaks fluent Spanish and visits Spain as often as she can. ■



Art Doyle Road Race

On Saturday, May 5, 157 people (105 runners and 52 walkers), including friends, colleagues and family members, participated in the fifth annual Art Doyle Road Race. In addition to the race, the event featured a raffle of gift baskets donated by departments on campus, and raised more than \$4,000 for the scholarship fund, established in memory of the college's late academic vice president and former physics department chair, Arthur M. Doyle.



Young visitors make "shuttle orbiters" for use in a shuttle race.

First Annual Emeriti Luncheon

The first annual emeriti luncheon drew dozens of former faculty members and administrators. In the past, these dedicated members of the College community had regularly gathered around tables at department or college committee meetings to discuss and vote on important academic policies. This time, on May 10, they gathered around tables in the College Center forum and were honored with an elegant lunch. Many were accompanied by their spouses and all were joined at their tables by current administrators and department chairs. The occasion was a hit.



Emeriti professors and spouses at the luncheon: Carl Whitman, Emeriti Professors Betsey Whitman, mathematics, and Willard (Bill) Spence, biology, Nancy Spence, Emeritus Professor Dana Jost, biology, and Betty Jost.

Space Day

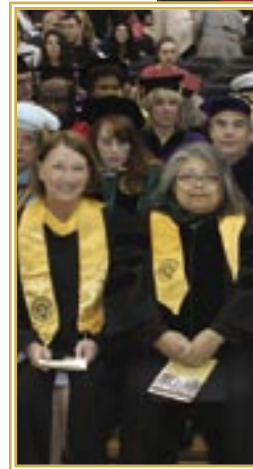
The Christa McAuliffe Center for Education and Teaching Excellence at FSC presented its fourth annual Space Day June 2. This program of exciting events and hands-on activities for families included planetarium shows, a hot air balloon display and an exhibit on how telescopes are made, and opportunities to view the Mars Rover, create a space movie, or have photos taken in a NASA space suit.

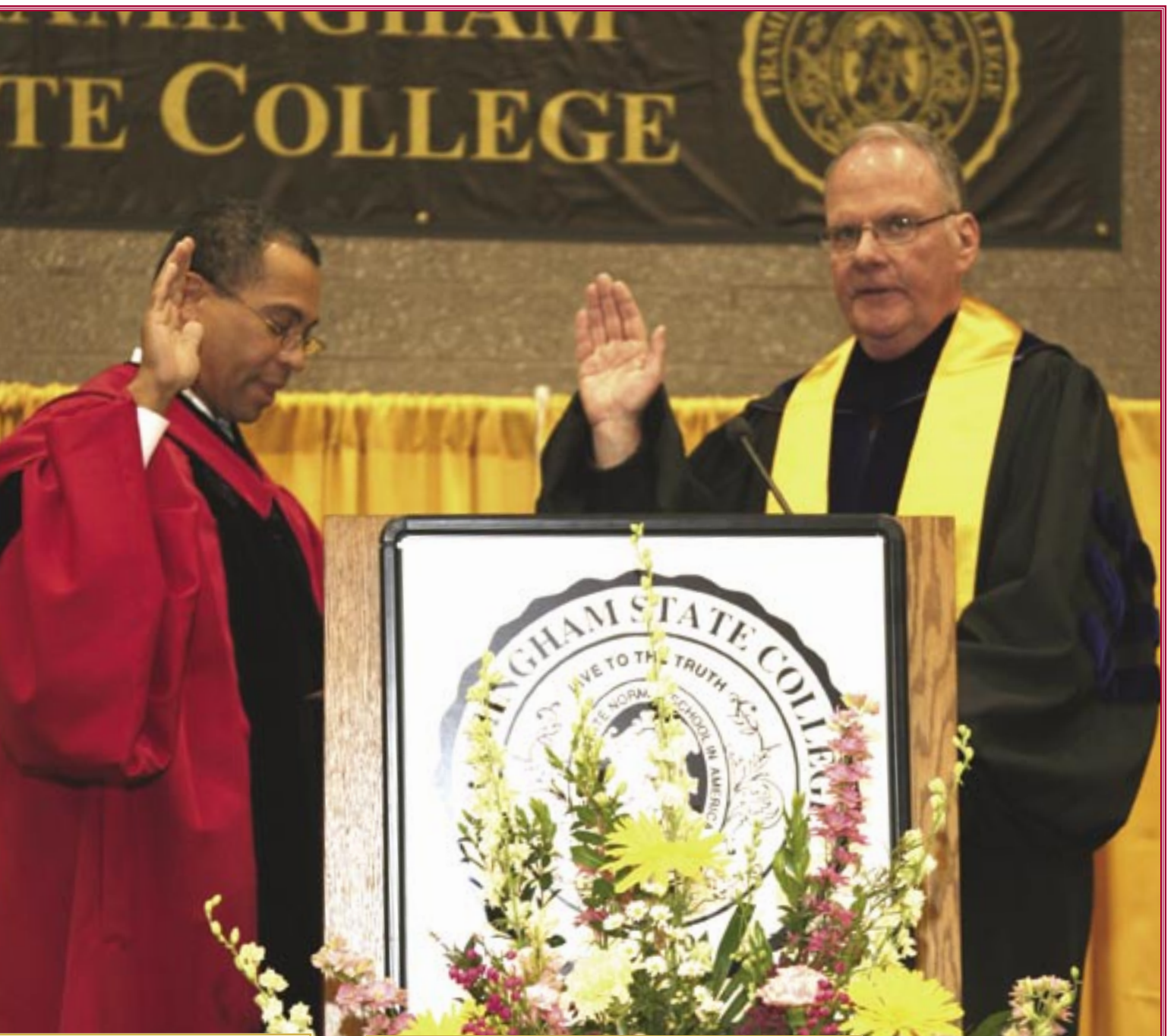
DR. TIMOTHY J. FLANAGAN INVESTED

Hundreds of people including Governor Deval Patrick braved the rain April 27 to celebrate the investiture of Framingham State College's fifteenth president Dr. Timothy J. Flanagan. Decked out in umbrellas, rain gear, and academic regalia, trustees, faculty and delegates from other institutions marched from the College Center to Dwight gymnasium accompanied by the tune of bagpipes and the sound of clicking cameras.

A focus on students and public higher education was the theme for the day as Flanagan outlined five hallmarks of Framingham State College in his investiture address: student success is our central mission; human capital is our most important resource; diversity strengthens us; responsiveness to our external environment is key; and resourcefulness in finding new funding sources is crucial to helping us compete with the very best colleges and universities.

After the governor administered the oath of office to President Flanagan, guests and students enjoyed a New England-themed luncheon in the College Center. ■





Above: Governor Patrick administers the oath of office to President Flanagan. From the left: the bagpiper leads the investiture procession to Dwight Hall; the governor shakes hands with members of the platform party; Trustees Gardner, Hunt, Richards, Boulanger and Oliveira at the ceremony; the governor with the president, his wife and members of their family.

FSC supports Virginia Tech

The entire Framingham State College community was deeply saddened by the tragedy at Virginia Tech in April. As an expression of the college's deep sympathy, the SGA sent a wreath of flowers to the Virginia Tech community, together with a banner inscribed with compassionate messages from many on the FSC campus. Phi Upsilon Omicron (PUO), the consumer sciences honor society, also organized a banner signing. The PUO banner was sent to the Virginia Tech chapter as an expression of solidarity.

FSC administrators and campus police responded swiftly to the news of the massacre, and conducted a thorough review of the college's safety policies.



Students sign the PUO banner in Hemenway Hall.

In Memoriam

Rachel Bangs



Rachel Bangs, '30, an alumna and an FSC faculty member for twenty-three years, passed away in March. She graduated from the Normal School in 1930 with a degree in household arts and education and went on to teach in New York for a number of years, graduating with her MS from Columbia University on D-Day. In 1953 Bangs returned to FSC to teach in the home economics department, now consumer sciences, until her retirement in 1978. For the rest of her life, she remained a friend of the college and a generous donor.

Bangs was remembered by generations of students as a challenging and dedicated teacher, best known for her knowledge of chemistry and her innovative Experimental Foods class. The eulogy at her memorial service was given by Mary Scerra, '06, who said, "She enriched my life." A student of Bangs in the seventies, Scerra suspended her degree studies to bring up her family and later returned to FSC, graduating in 2006 with a BS in nutrition, and is one of many alumni working at the U.S. Soldier Systems, Natick. In the last few years of Bangs's life, Scerra, now a friend, visited her regularly. She appreciated Bangs's many vivid stories from the past: "History was laid out before me through her stories—beginning with a time when fire engines were drawn by horses, to traveling to Framingham on a trolley as a student before Route 9 existed, and ahead to when the microwave became a common household item." Despite failing health, she recalled, "Rachel continued to be interested in what was new in nutrition and food science. Her one regret was that she was born too early, before the computer had developed into an integral part of our culture and education." ■

Joseph Palladino

Dr. Joseph R. Palladino, retired dean of graduate and continuing education at Framingham State College, passed away in March.



He was a graduate of Bridgewater State College and went on to earn his MS and EdD degrees in education at Boston University. Before coming to Framingham State College in 1963, he was a teacher and principal at the Woodrow Wilson School in Framingham.

Palladino was hired as an assistant professor of elementary education, and in 1964 became the director of the program of continuing studies. In 1967 he was promoted to the position of dean of graduate and continuing education and remained in that position until he retired in 1992.

During his years at the college, he chaired several committees and worked to develop the BS program in nursing.

Palladino is survived by his wife, Maryanne, his son, Joseph, his daughters, Jean Rooney and Julie Ann Palladino, and two grandchildren. ■

Arthur Mazmanian Honored at Gallery Rededication

The Mazmanian Gallery, transformed and expanded as part of the renovation of the College Center into an improved exhibition space, was rededicated May 1 during the opening of the All-Student Show, the final exhibit of the year. Several speakers paid tribute to the inspiration and enduring legacy of Arthur Mazmanian, former professor of art, for whom the gallery was named in 1979. Although he was on the FSC faculty for only six years, dying tragically young, Mazmanian had a seminal impact on the department's curriculum. Professor Jim Eng, his colleague during his brief tenure, spoke of Mazmanian, "a pivotal member of the department," as a dedicated teacher and a wonderful mentor. Above all, Eng emphasized Mazmanian's commitment to teaching fundamental art techniques, which permanently strengthened the curriculum. Art department graduates, such as the internationally renowned Native-American artist Jaune Quick-to-See Smith, '76, have acknowledged the lifelong benefits of their technical grounding.



Irene Mazmanian Gerwick, widow of Arthur Mazmanian, second from the left, with granddaughter Jennica Patino, left, Mazmanian Director Professor Timothy McDonald, art department, Professor James Eng, art department, daughter Tarah Mazmanian de Patino, son-in-law Rubiel Patino, and granddaughter Karina Patino at the rededication of the Mazmanian Art Gallery.

Irene Mazmanian Gerwick, Art's widow and herself an artist, spoke at the event. Her husband had a true passion for art and teaching, she said, and always remained a student. Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Martin noted the central importance of the Mazmanian Gallery, and of the Art Department, to the creative life of the campus. ■



Daniel P. Haley Appointed to Board of Trustees

Daniel P. Haley, Esquire, was recently appointed to the Framingham State College Board of Trustees. An associate in the law firm of McDermott Will & Emery LLP in Boston, he previously served as deputy legal counsel to Governor Mitt Romney, as chief of staff and legal counsel to Lieutenant Governor Kerry Healey, and assistant chief of staff to the governor. In 2005, he drafted "Melanie's Law," a major anti-drunk-driving initiative.

A summa cum laude graduate of Middlebury College, Haley earned his law degree at Harvard Law School. He and his wife, Melissa, live in Holliston and are expecting their first child in October. Haley is looking forward with enthusiasm to serving on the Board of Trustees. ■



Members of the math department and FSC faculty and staff at the Preskenis dinner. Ray Flynn, former mayor of Boston and a South Boston friend and associate of Preskenis, is in the back row, fifth from the left.

Mathematicians Honor Kenneth Preskenis

In May, the FSC mathematics department hosted the fifth annual regional dinner meeting of the New England section of the Mathematical Association of America (NES/MAA) in honor of their beloved former colleague and friend, the late Dr. Kenneth J. Preskenis. For more than twenty-five years Preskenis, a dedicated teacher and enthusiastic mathematician, was a faculty member in the FSC mathematics department. He died suddenly in December 2002.

Preskenis was also a devoted son of South Boston, where he established the Mathematics Olympics program in the parochial schools and also coached Little League baseball for forty-three years. To honor his memory, the math department established a scholarship fund in his name to support a deserving student from South Boston at Framingham State College.

IT'S GOOD TO BE GREEN

Weeklong teach-in emphasizes FSC's commitment to the environment

A studio art class, a biology laboratory and a sociology class may not, at first glance, have much in common. Yet during Framingham State College's weeklong global warming teach-in, held April 23-30, all three classes—and many more—integrated environmental awareness into the curriculum.

According to organizers Drs. Lisa Eck, English department, and Ira Silver and Virginia Rutter, sociology department, no other college in the nation has used such a model to address climate change. "The interdisciplinary approach gave us a chance to be reminded that we are all thinkers and citizens—not English or physics majors," says Rutter. Eck, Silver, and Rutter got the idea for the interdisciplinary format after watching Al Gore's documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*. "When I saw the film last year, I knew I wanted to do something to help young people learn what I had learned," says Rutter.

Forty-five professors from fifteen disciplines responded to their call to action. The resulting weeklong teach-in had more than 1,200 students viewing *An Inconvenient Truth* and discussing global warming in class and through assignments as diverse as creating tile mosaics to reading about greenhouse gases.

At the end of the week, hundreds of students attended a town meeting in the new gymnasium featuring Donna Kramer Merritt and Keith Bergman of The Climate Project, a nonprofit organization founded by Al Gore. Through this project, Gore trains people to present his slideshow and educate the public about the reality of global climate change.

Bergman noted that global warming is not a political issue. "It is not about right versus left. It's about right versus wrong, and it must be addressed on a bipartisan, nonpartisan basis," he said. His Climate Project partner Kramer Merritt, a Framingham resi-

dent, is committed to spreading the word about global climate change. Her goal was to inspire the audience to become more active in the community and to make FSC "more green."

The college is already taking action. Warren Fairbanks, director of facilities for FSC, said Governor Deval Patrick wants all state facilities to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gases by significant levels within five years. The facilities department has initiated a study that will look at the power plant, the fuel the campus uses, the way FSC waters the ground, and how the grass is grown. "We're coming to grips with trying to become a responsible campus," he says. The college will also undertake an energy audit and may consider changing its fuel to natural gas.

Fairbanks noted that Crocker Hall is one of the first renovation projects in the state designed to receive Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)TM certification, which would make it the most efficient building on campus.

"Colleges are in a unique position not only to model good environmental citizenship but also to educate our future leaders about climate stability," says FSC president Timothy Flanagan. He recently joined 230-plus college presidents across the country in signing an agreement to neutralize greenhouse gas emissions on campus and to accelerate research and educational efforts to restabilize the earth's climate. One of Flanagan's hopes for the interdisciplinary teach-in was that it shed light on the issue from several vantage points so students and faculty could draw connections, understand the issue and make changes.

"In providing an undergraduate education it is important to demonstrate that people whose disciplinary backgrounds are very different can help us understand complicated problems," he says. "In that context, global climate change represents precisely the kind of complicated, multifaceted problem to which

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Dr. Ira Silver discussing global warming with students in his **Sociology of the Future** class. He posed the question of why this crucial matter has not to date been given greater public attention, considering other issues that have had more prominence. Students went on to analyze the impact of *An Inconvenient Truth*, dissecting specific scenes for their effectiveness in raising the awareness of viewers. Most agreed that Al Gore succeeded in making the effects and the urgency of global warming real and visible.



Students in Professor Keri Straka's **Ceramics** class, working on tile mosaic pieces designed in response to information and visual stimuli taken from *An Inconvenient Truth*. Their creations included both iconic images and text. The class also discussed the topic of art as a vehicle for political and social change, examining political art movements and the key elements required for building a persuasive visual image.



Dr. Ben Snyder in the lab with his **Introduction to Human Biology** class. Students prepared for class with readings on global warming and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Their discussion of the Al Gore movie focused on issues related to environmentally harmful emissions, such as the impact of urban sprawl and other variables that increase GHG, how national and international policies can help to reduce the problem, and why some nations and regions contribute more GHGs than others.





Students in Professor Tim McDonald's **Introduction to Painting** class working on panels that incorporated both images and text suggested by the Gore movie. They were partly inspired by the text paintings of Glenn Ligon. A thematic element of their work was the issue of choices and actions and their societal impact. The students created the backdrop hung behind the panel on the platform at the town meeting, which reflected the theme that our lifestyle choices have consequences.

understanding can be contributed by people with expertise in different disciplines.”

For instance, at the town meeting, Brandi Cutler, '07, of the campus group Women's Empowerment, asked the panelists (which included biology professors Drs. Brandi Van Roo and Richard Beckwitt, Professor Carl Hakansson, geography, Dr. Paul Bruno, philosophy, and moderator Dr. Ira Silver, sociology), “How would you take a club devoted to gender equality and give us some advice on both theoretical and practical ways to merge gender equality with the environmental issue?”

Bruno responded, “One of the most compelling segments of *An Inconvenient Truth* is the vision of planet Earth from space, where there is no delineation of gender, or of country, or of race or anything else.”

As the panelists were asked philosophical, familial, moral and economic questions, several people came forward and informed the audience about ways they have successfully implemented green initiatives into their own lives. Susan Tordella, director of the MetroWest/495 Transportation Management Association, suggested carpooling. Van Roo and her husband commute together in a Toyota Hybrid Prius. Silver does his part by walking to work, and Bergman, who bikes to work, promotes public transportation and carpooling. He helped

establish the first shuttle to travel to the Outer Cape. “It should become uncool to be in a car by yourself,” he said.

Cassandra Mueller, '07, worked with the Commonwealth's executive office of environmental affairs to install solar panels in the Mueller Corporation's buildings. In the process, she learned of many grants for alternative energy sources. Mueller informed the audience about carbon neutral airlines that will pay the cost to make travel carbon neutral, and spoke of organizations at www.earthwatch.org that offer specials for college students to go on working vacations where they “can save money and save the environment at the same time.”

Rutter and Eck concluded the evening by thanking the faculty and students who participated. “What we've done, nobody else has done. . . . This is just the beginning of bringing an integrated curriculum to our daily lives at Framingham State College,” said Rutter. Eck quoted Danish author Isak Dinesen, saying, “Truth requires company.” She notified the audience that FSC will be planting an American beech tree outside the Hemenway Hall Annex to commemorate the teach-in.

Senior Malia Dell said, “It's not going to be easy. I believe that here in America, we've been spoiled for too long. Everyone here needs to look inside themselves and see what they're really willing to sacrifice. It's an entire lifestyle change that needs to happen.” ■

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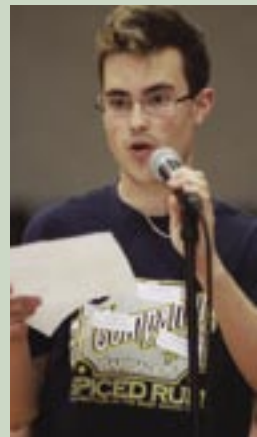
GLOBAL WARMING TOWN MEETING



Above: President Flanagan and the panel, Donna Kramer Merritt and Keith Bergman, both of the Climate Project; Dr. Ira Silver, sociology; Professor Carl Hakansson, geography; Dr. Richard Beckwitt, biology; Dr. Brandi Van Roo, biology; Dr. Paul Bruno, philosophy.

Right: Climate Project panelists and audience members discuss issues.

Below: The Active Sociologists' table, where low-energy light bulbs were available.



Top, left and right: Students at the microphone pose questions to the panelists.

Above: Dr. Jessica Hodge, consumer sciences, and students.

Left: Dr. Paul Bruno makes a point.

Below: Members of the audience engaged in the exchange of ideas.



Celebrating The Gatepost

Gateway to Campus News for Seventy-Five Years

It's 3 o'clock in the morning—give or take an hour—and members of the student newspaper staff, some of them revved up with many cups of coffee, are headed back to their dorms to try to catch some sleep. Chances are that a few minutes earlier, Dr. Desmond McCarthy, '81, professor of English and journalism, who has also been faculty advisor to the paper “for one-fifth of its existence,” said something like, “Just fix this comma splice so we can go home.” Then, only a few hours later, The Gatepost appears in various buildings on campus.

Sarah Freedman, '06, news editor, and Kerri Roche, '06, assistant news editor, read the anniversary issue of *The Gatepost*.



Peter Brandwein, '02, editor-in-chief, John Hilliard, '03, associate editor, Dr. Desmond McCarthy, '81, faculty advisor, Casie Richardson, '02, copy editor, and Michelle Kealey Symington, '02, news editor.

This ritual is acted out nearly every Friday during the school year, and most members of the college community have come to count on the top-notch, professional student publication for the important campus news of the week as well as an update on student concerns. The inspiration for the paper's name came from the two brick gateposts that stand in front of what is now Hemenway Hall and that once framed the earliest entrance to the campus nearly a century ago.

More than 100 guests, including members of *The Gatepost* alumni, most having graduated during the last fifteen years, along with friends, current staff members and faculty, came together in March at the College Center Forum for the joyful celebration of *The Gatepost*'s seventy-fifth anniversary. “*The Gatepost* is always advocating for Framingham State College to be the best it can be.” And that message, spoken by McCarthy, was at the heart of the festivities.

There were speeches of greetings, reminiscences, and thanks from the current editor-in-chief, Megan Turner, '07, and two alumni who previously served in that same position, Suzanne MacDonald, '95 (1994-95), and McCarthy (1981-82). When MacDonald introduced McCarthy with the words, he is “more than an advisor; he is a friend for life,” she drew heartfelt applause from the audience.

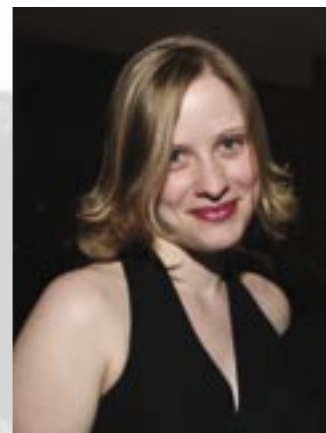
McCarthy, in turn, named and thanked the dozens of people who helped make the event a success, while many were whispering that it was really he who had done so almost single-handedly. He then spoke on several issues, expressing his gratitude that the free-speech “amendment is alive and well” and that the college



Bret Kerr, '96, associate editor, Joe Murphy, '06, news editor, and Chad Parenteau, '96, living/arts editor, exclaim at the anniversary issue.



Beverly Savage, '51, editor-in-chief.



Megan Turner, '07, editor-in-chief.

has a leader in President Timothy Flanagan who has continued the tradition of supporting it. Further, he stated his hopes to expand the networking that already exists by creating a link through the alumni Web site so that more *Gatepost* alumni can be in contact with one another. His hope is “to have members serving members as they already do,” and he thanked all of them for having contributed to “the health, vibrancy and quality of the student newspaper today” and for leaving *The Gatepost* better than it was when they came.

Flanagan also paid a high compliment: “Without a doubt, in my three decades in higher ed this [student newspaper] is the best I have seen.” He added, “At no time have communication skills been more important than they are today.” He sees that *The Gatepost's* staff’s “management skills are extraordinary,” and he praised them for the “adeptness with which they cover an interview.”

Adding to the festive atmosphere of the occasion were the refreshments, including wine and cheese, provided by the Sodexo staff, overseen by alumnus Ralph Eddy, '96. There were also gifts for everyone. Flanagan presented the members of *The Gatepost* staff with a camera from the college, one that is much more sophisticated than anything they had to work with before. The staff also received two portable engraved dictionaries and a thesaurus for the office from the English department.

Another gift, a bouquet of flowers, was presented to Marilyn Minahan Foley, '58, who worked on *The Gatepost* during her junior and senior years, first as advertising editor and then as editor-in-chief. Some time later, from 1974-2001, Foley served as director of the independent alumni association and, for a time, on the Board of Trustees. Upon her retirement in 2001, a scholarship was established in her name, and because she

understood the hard work and dedication that being *The Gatepost* editor-in-chief requires, she decided that whoever holds that position should be the recipient.

There were gifts for each guest as well: a photocopy of the first issue of *The Gatepost* published in 1932 and a copy of a thirty-two page, seventy-fifth anniversary issue, just off the press, that, to use McCarthy's terms, is “professional, high-quality, beautiful and memorable.” Together the two papers reflect the enormous changes that have taken place over the years, such as the size, the number of issues—four per year in the 1950s when Foley was on the staff to more than two dozen today, and the technology used to produce them. In the mid eighties McCarthy was carrying around a portable manual typewriter. Now it is possible to produce and transmit on line, and the paper has its own Web site.

The anniversary issue contained an article entitled “Where are they now?” In it a number of *Gatepost* alumni, whose present careers include sales, marketing, Web site programming, tech support, public relations, and newspaper editing, designing and reporting, share their memories and express their gratitude for what they gained from their *Gatepost* experience. Many of them say their work on the paper helped land them their jobs and gave them the skills they need to do well. Lindsey Gardner, '06, last year's editor-in-chief and currently a pre-press coordinator for *The Clipper Press* in Duxbury, is quoted as saying, “Everything I learned on *The Gatepost* I implement in my job every single day.” This was echoed not only by others in the interviews but also by many at the celebration throughout the evening.

The gemstone that has come to represent a 75th anniversary is the diamond, and some of its qualities may be seen to symbolize the valuable asset *The Gatepost* has evolved into at the college, as well as the mood of the celebration. The atmosphere appropriately sparkled with excitement, as attendees recognized one another and eagerly began to catch up on each others' lives, and everyone left already looking forward to meeting again. ■

Alumni help math majors prepare for teaching careers

Framingham State College is doing its part to increase the number of students who choose a career teaching mathematics, an area the U.S. government has identified as crucial to keeping the nation competitive in the global economy. To interest students in teaching math, the student-led FSC

“We rely on our college system to help with the critical need for teachers of mathematics.”

**PATRICIA HARRIGAN ROURKE, '73,
MATH/SCIENCE COORDINATOR,
HOLLISTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Math Club last April held an alumni panel to talk to math and education majors about the realities of their jobs and to offer career advice.

The members of the panel were John Meaney, '03, a math teacher at Gardner High School; Andrea Hearn, '03, a first-grade teacher at Plains Elementary School in South Hadley; Johanna Bolton, '02, who teaches integrated math and precalculus at Newton North High School; and Carmel Bergeron, '91, the math curriculum leader at Dover-Sherborn Middle School.

Panelists spoke about the practical aspects of their jobs, such as the length of time they must spend on class preparation and their ongoing professional development. Beyond this, they all exuded a passion for what they do every day and for seeing their students learn and develop. ■



At the awards ceremony, left to right: President Flanagan, Mass. Senator Karen Spilka, Ted Welte, Diane Casavecchia (who accepted the Business Person of the Year award on behalf of her mother, Susanne Morreale-Leeber), and Dr. Sandra Rahman of the business administration faculty.

Celebrating thirty years of excellence in business administration

The Department of Economics and Business Administration's thirtieth annual achievement ceremony, held in April, was a gala occasion.

The department recognized two members of the regional business community as Business Persons of the Year 2007: Ted Welte, president and CEO of the MetroWest Chamber of Commerce, the founding advisory board chair of FSC's MetroWest Economic Research Center (MERC) and a member of the FSC MBA advisory board; and Susanne Morreale-Leeber, president and CEO of the Marlborough Regional Chamber of Commerce and chair of the MERC advisory board.

Six students received scholarships and awards for academic excellence and for leadership in areas such as international business. The twenty-four majors who had served as MERC interns during the fall and spring semesters were recognized, as were the Leadership and Marketing Clubs, for their work and service to the community. Twenty-one students were inducted into Omicron Delta Epsilon, the international economics honor society. ■



Accepted Student Reception

The annual accepted student reception sponsored by the admissions office was held March 31, 2007, with more than 1,400 prospective students and their families attending. Visitors were welcomed by President Flanagan, and then had the opportunity to learn first hand about the college's academic offerings, student clubs, varsity sports, intramural clubs, financial aid and residence hall options.

Graduate Nursing Certificate

Helps to Meet the Need for Nurses

The Framingham State College Graduate Certificate Program in Nursing Education responds to the urgent need for more nurses and for more qualified faculty to educate them. Accepted candidates may earn a degree that allows them to become beginning nursing educators. They take courses in curriculum design and evaluation and in course development and implementation, one of which is offered online. They also complete a practicum, teaching in clinical, classroom and laboratory settings.

"The Graduate Certificate Program is designed to give nurses the knowledge, skills, and confidence of a nurse educator in academic and agency settings," says Dr. Susan Conrad, chair of the nursing department. The program is offered by the Division of Graduate and Continuing Education and the nursing department and is open to nurse practi-

tioners with master's degrees and nurses planning to complete MS degrees. It is held at five sites, MetroWest Medical Center in Framingham, and four community colleges, Massasoit, Northern Essex, Quinsigamond and Roxbury. Graduates of the program are qualified to teach nursing according to the Board of Registration in Nursing's waiver policies. ■



Dr. Susan Conrad, chair, nursing department.

GRADUATES COMMENT ON THE PROGRAM:

"I would recommend the Certificate Program because it accurately addresses a specific need [for nurse educators] and prepares us well for this new role."

"I am teaching now at Mass Bay Community College and I am utilizing so much of what I learned. I am well prepared."

"I felt I really learned the educational process from the bottom up, first in theory and then in my clinical practicum."

Kappa Delta Pi Initiation



From the left: Dr. Kelly Kolodny; Shannon Ober, KDP secretary; Danielle Robillard, KDP treasurer; Jenna Pourinski, KDP historian; Sheena Acosta Frizzell, KDP vice president; Lauren Warner, KDP president; Dr. Peter Dittami; Dr. Cathleen Buydoso, education department chair; Dr. Scott Greenberg.

On April 15 forty-one students were initiated into Kappa Chi, the Framingham State College chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education. The aims of the organization are to foster professional growth and to honor achievement in educational work. The new chapter officers for 2007–08 were installed. About 200 people attended, including the inductees and their families and friends. Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs, Scott Greenberg welcomed all to the ceremony and Dr. Peter Dittami, FSC coordinator of field placements and a former Framingham school principal, was the keynote speaker. Dr. Kelly Kolodny of the education department is faculty advisor to the Kappa Chi chapter.

The President Encourages Student Musicians

“**H**aving an active and diverse musical program,” says President Flanagan, “is important to the students’ quality of life. Fostering an appreciation for different kinds of music adds another dimension.” He sees as a high priority “creating opportunities where students can get together formally and informally to make music,” and he would like to see an expansion of musical activities.

To this end, the president gave some students the opportunity to demonstrate their musical accomplishments at his investiture. Meredith Amaral, '09, who has been singing since she was five, performed “America the Beautiful”; the Framingham State College chorus, accompanied on the piano by Professor Edward Melegian, led the investiture audience in singing the college hymn, “Live to the Truth”; and Michel Moravia, '10, who studied piano at the New England Conservatory in Boston and has performed at UMass Boston as an urban scholar, played the piano during the investiture luncheon. “For Michel,” says President Flanagan, “playing music is like breathing. It is part of his being.”

Among the various groups on campus through which students from a variety of majors have been able to express themselves musically are The Hilltop Players, which produces a musical each spring, and the campus ministries, which incorporate music into their activities. Also, the college chorus gives several performances a year, singing choral music from the past and present in a variety of vocal styles.

President Flanagan looks forward to seeing such groups expand, and he hopes



Students perform at the president’s investiture: top left, Meredith Amaral, '09; top right, Michel Moravia, '10; above, the FSC chorus.

to encourage even more opportunities for musical experiences. He expects that when the renovation of the Dwight Hall Auditorium is complete, the campus will have a “spectacular performing arts space.” Mark Evans, director of arts and humanities, is enthusiastic: “There has always been a healthy musical interest on campus,” and he says, “the increased opportunity for musical expression is a future to look forward to.” ■

A Captivating “Godspell”

Singing, music, color, and modern renditions of biblical tales filled the College Center Forum on several April evenings as the Hilltop Players performed “Godspell” for their annual spring musical, directed by Hilltop members Joanna Sideman, ’08, and Keith I. Kozak, residence director of Corinne Hall Towers. The fourteen-member cast, performing the original John-Michael Tebelak production, excited the audience with their energetic dancing and vibrant costumes. Al Knoll, ’08, as Jesus, was clad in a Superman t-shirt, orange shorts and rainbow suspenders. One character donned a bowtie, and another a tiara, to go along with the entire cast’s colorful, mismatched, eye-catching wardrobes.

A live band accompanied the performers, consisting of piano, guitar, drums, bass, flute and keyboard. During one memorable number, Brian Boruta, ’07, as Judas, and Knoll performed, “All for the Best,” complete with top hats and canes, with which they danced around the stage in perfect synchronization, creating quite a visual spectacle. The popular and energetic song “Light of the World” included participation of all the cast members, and was the perfect number to end Act I, enticing the audience back for more in Act II. While sitting down on the stage, a beautiful duet, “By my side” was sung by Kate Porter, ’08, and Lindsay Warwick, ’08. Meredith Amaral, ’09, stunned everyone with her performance of “Bless the Lord.” Blinding strobe lights added to the powerful finale depicting Jesus’ crucifixion. At the end of the show, the entire cast carried Knoll off the stage and down the aisle, amidst a standing, cheering audience. ■



The cast of “Godspell.”



Jane Zell, '08, in front of her mural in Dwight Hall.

Dwight Hall Mural Expresses Memory and Nostalgia

Those who enter Dwight Hall are now greeted by the sight of an eye-catching new mural by Jane Zell, '08, an art major with a minor in secondary education. Her work, painted in acrylics, covers a panel placed in front of Dwight Auditorium during renovation and transforms a blank space into an intriguing work of art.

When Professor Marc Cote, chair of the art department, asked for volunteers to produce the mural, Zell seized the opportunity with enthusiasm. She set out to create a work that represents students’ views of the college’s past and the changes brought about by renovation. She was inspired by Salvador Dali’s painting, “The Persistence of Memory,” with its drooping clocks and distorted feel. Her mural includes imagery of FSC students to depict the memories and feelings of loss and nostalgia they may experience for what was once familiar.

This large mural is not necessarily typical of Zell’s work. She often creates smaller representational pieces that are meticulously crafted and enjoys making personalized boxes and toys. “As a future educator,” she says, “I feel it is important to be well-versed in many media, so I try not to limit myself.” ■

Arts & Humanities series

Alumni, parents and friends are welcome at all of these events.

Events

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Maria Reyes on *Freedom Writers* (Lecture)
ATHLETIC CENTER, 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Children's Literature Workshop
Author Steven Kellogg
Afternoon workshop for PDPs (assignment/extra credit), followed by a cocktail hour and book-signing. Dinner in the Forum and a post-dinner speech.

Midday Performances

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Obi's Boys and the High Lonesome
Sound of Bluegrass
HEINEMAN CENTER, 1:30 P.M.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

The Maeve Gilchrist Trio
HEINEMAN CENTER, 1:30 P.M. – 2:15

Great Books Revisited

WITH PRESIDENT EMERITA HELEN HEINEMAN

TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 16, 23, 30

To the Lighthouse, Virginia Wolf
ALL MEETINGS ARE FROM 10:00 A.M. TO NOON IN CC309

International Film

A DISCUSSION LED BY DR. ARTHUR NOLLETTI, JR.,
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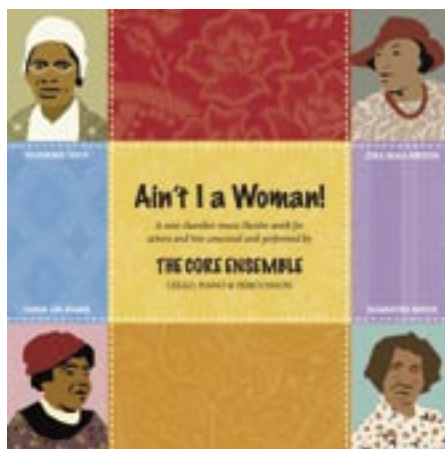
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

Program TBA

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Above: Poster for "Ain't I a Woman!" Upper right: Megan Marshall with Horace Mann, aka Dr. Bradley Nutting, history. Bottom left: Performers at *The Evening of Song in March*: soprano Nancy Armstrong, baritone Robert Honeysucker, violinist Daniel Steptner and viola da gambist Laura Jeppesen.



Illuminating the Lives of Others

Stunned silence alternating with rousing applause reflected the audience's deep emotional response to Kim Hines's "Ain't I a Woman!" an extraordinary one-woman tour de force in which actress Taylore Mahogany Scott convincingly changed her persona from scene to scene. She depicted dramatic moments of joy and suffering in the lives of four well-known African Americans: author Zora Neale Hurston, painter Clementine Hunter, civil rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer and, finally, the early women's rights activist Sojourner Truth, whose spirit embraced them all.

Scott was accompanied by the impressive musicians of the Core Ensemble on cello, piano and percussion, who played a range of African-American music from spirituals to jazz. This performance combined two themes, biographies of women and American music, each of which happened to be central in programs that followed.

One of two informative and stimulating lectures on biography that included receptions and book signings featured celebrated author Dr. Gillian Gill. The title of her book points to how her work differs from others on the same subject. *Nightingales: The Extraordinary Upbringing and Curious Life of Miss Florence Nightingale* places the emphasis not on Florence her-

self but on the dynamics among the members of her extended family and their Victorian world. What emerges is a new and broader understanding of this rebellious nineteenth-century pioneer, who worked passionately to carve out important roles for women in the medical profession and whose fame in her time was second only to that of Queen Victoria.

Megan Marshall spoke on her award-winning *The Peabody Sisters: Three Women Who Ignited American Romanticism*, which, like Gill's study, is based on material from voluminous diaries and correspondence and illuminates the lives of a group. The three sisters are Elizabeth, unmarried, Mary, whose husband was Horace Mann, and Sophia, married to Nathaniel Hawthorne. Marshall rescues them from their relative invisibility in works that focus on nineteenth-century American cultural leaders, giving them the recognition they deserve for their extensive roles in helping to shape many of the most important ideas of their time.

The theme of American music surfaced in an afternoon jazz performance by Professor Edward Melegian's band and later in a nostalgic evening of song, which, together with all of the above, left the audience already looking forward to what Arts & Humanities has in store for next season. ■





COMMENCEMENT

2007



"I am a poster child for the adage 'anything is possible,'" said Dr. Laurie Hebert Boyer, '90, addressing the jubilant class of 2007 gathered under the tent on Framingham Village Green at commencement. Boyer, a postdoctoral fellow at the Whitehead Institute for Biological Research and a newly appointed assistant professor in biology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is a national leader in the field of embryonic

stem cell research. In December 2006 she was named among the "Scientific American 50." "Thank those who throw obstacles in your path," she advised the graduates. "They open up new opportunities." Boyer herself struggled with adversity to achieve success. She first entered FSC "broken in spirit" and left "a young woman . . . in power, saying, 'Watch out world.'" The audience greeted her words with a standing ovation.

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MAKING THEIR MARK



Adam Goldberg, MEd in special education, with his wife, Kathryn, his daughter, Alexandra, his mother, Leslie, and his father, Samuel Goldberg. He and his mother are co-directors of the Goldberg Center for Educational Planning, a multidisciplinary center for educational consulting and special education advocacy services.



Brandi Cutler, BA, sociology, concentration in anthropology, will enter the master's in gender/cultural studies program at Simmons College in the fall. She was named 2007 FSC Phenomenal Woman, served as vice president of Women's Empowerment and of Amnesty International, was president of Talking Liberal, and a resident assistant.



Nicole Schwalm, BA, modern languages, seen here with Dr. Michael Wong-Russell, modern languages department, will begin her MA in Hispanic languages and literatures in the fall at Boston University, where she has a teaching assistantship and a full tuition scholarship.

COMMENCEMENT 2007

Boyer received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was awarded to the Hon. Anne Looney Paulsen, '58, also an FSC alumna, who served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1993 through 2006, working tirelessly on public education, transportation, environmental and human services policy issues.



Welcoming all to his first FSC commencement, President Flanagan celebrated the achievements of the graduates, the families and friends who supported them, and the dedicated faculty. Several well-wishers brought greetings to the class: Mary Beth Heffernan, Esq., '80, from the Board of Trustees, State Senator Karen Spilka from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Selectman Dennis Giombetti, '75, from the Town of Framingham, and President Margaret Guardiani, '77, from the Alumni Association. James Coelho, senior class president,

expressed the class's gratitude to faculty and staff and urged his classmates to treasure their memories of FSC. Dr. Thomas Koshy, professor of mathematics, a dedicated teacher and prolific author, received the 2007 Distinguished Faculty Award. There were two valedictorians, Sarah E. DeRosa of Attleboro, a corporate communications major, and Christine M. McMahon of Framingham, a psychology major. Brenda L. Whitner of Mendon, a sociology major, was named the part-time student with the highest academic achievement. ■



Top: A happy group of graduates. Above: Dr. Thomas Koshy, 2007 distinguished faculty awardee, with Professor Emeritus Joseph Preville.



MAKING THEIR MARK: GRADUATE PROFILES



Jond Marie Stillwel Elstob, MEd in international teaching, pictured with her husband, Sir John Elstob, came to Framingham from Kuwait to receive her degree in person. A member of the first class to graduate from the FSC site in Kuwait City, Elstob represented the other 46 members of her class, all of whom had signed their names inside her cap.



Vladimir Lessage, BS, business administration, center, with classmate Bob Adams and Professor Karen Perman, has started his own business, www.textbookrebels.com. FSC's Marketing Club recently donated \$100 to the elementary school founded by his father in Haiti, his home country.



Nathan Jordan, BS, business administration, was awarded the Barr Award for the highest GPA in the major, 4.0. at the department's 30th annual Achievements Ceremony. He is contemplating several job offers.



Top left: newly wed Rebecca Chilson Laurence with her husband, Sean, recently returned from service in Iraq, and family. **Top right:** jubilant graduates celebrate. **Left:** valedictorians and class officers hold their hard-earned diplomas. **Above:** twins Julie (l.) and Jennifer Gouvain share their success.



Marcin Rojek, BS, chemistry, pictured with Dr. Carol Russell, chemistry department, will enter the PhD program in chemistry at Tufts University in the fall with a \$25,400 per year assistantship.



Joanna Holmes, BS, fashion design and retailing, the 2007 recipient of the Rachel Bangs Award, seen here with her parents, will enter the fashion design master's program at Drexel University in the fall. Her mother, Sandra Riccio Holmes, G'78, earned her MS in nutrition from FSC. Her father's mother, the late Claire E. Mortimer Holmes, '39, studied food and nutrition with Professor Rachel Bangs.



Alden Jade Needel, BA, English, will be working for AmeriCorps next year as a literacy tutor in Monterey County, California. Needel was a Gatepost editor, a tutor in the PLUS program, and an assistant in the publications office.

ATHLETICS

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Men's Lacrosse

Congratulations to the club men's lacrosse team which finished second in the Division B Pioneer Lacrosse League Playoffs, hosted April 28 and 29 at the University of New Hampshire. The team defeated the University of New Haven in the first round, and lost a hard-fought 15-10 championship match to Salem State. Four All-Stars were named:
Jim Hanafin, '08, Andrew Aloma, '07
Matthew Lynch, '09 (Rookie of the Year),
and Stephen Kenney, '09.



Colleen Clancy, '09, and DeAnna Curtis, '07, ready for a hit in the MASCAC Tournament.

Outstanding Success for Women's Softball Team

On May 6 the Framingham State College softball team captured their first-ever Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) Tournament Championship, as they defeated top-seeded Bridgewater State 1-0 in the seventh and deciding game of the conference tournament. With the win, the Rams (21) qualified for the NCAA Division III Softball Tournament for the first time in school history.

Senior right-hander DeAnna Curtis tossed a complete game two-hit shutout in the deciding game to lead the Rams to the MASCAC title. Curtis was dominating for the Rams throughout the tournament as she went 3-0 with a 0.84 earned run average. In 25 innings of work she struck out 17 batters and opponents batted just .180 against her.

The Rams made it to the championship round by defeating top seed Bridgewater State 4-2 in the opening round in Bridgewater and defeating second seed Westfield State 4-2 to move on. The Rams dropped the first game of the championship round 7-1 before coming back to pick up the thrilling 1-0 win in the deciding game.

The Rams say goodbye to seven seniors this year who over the past four seasons have made it to the conference championship game three times, culminating in the MASCAC title this season. Curtis and shortstop Christina Sullivan, '08, have left their mark on the Rams record book. Curtis leaves holding the records for lowest season ERA (1.01), career ERA (1.72) and highest career winning percentage (.552, 32-26), while Sullivan holds the records for career RBIs (82), career hits (147), triples in a season (5) and career (15), homeruns in a season (3—done three times) and career (10). ■

Homecoming

Date: Saturday, October 13, 2007
Against: Westfield State College
Place: Maple Street Field
Time: 1:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE!

2006-2007 All-Conference MASCAC All-Conference

FIRST TEAM

Lindsay McKearney, '07	Field Hockey
Meghan Staffiere, '08	Field Hockey
Edward (Eddie) Palomba, '09	Men's Soccer
Kyle Willingham, '08	Men's Soccer
Elizabeth (Liz) Pedro, '09	Volleyball
Ashley Baker, '09	Women's Soccer
Kimberly (Kim) Friberg, '07	Cross Country
Paul Bonfiglio, '07	Baseball
Kristina Cochrane, '08	Softball
Colleen Clancy, '09	Softball

SECOND TEAM

Erin Johnson, '09	Field Hockey
Johnathas (Johnny) Goncalves, '10	Men's Soccer
Stephanie (Steph) Pratt, '08	Volleyball
Karin Knutsen, '07	Women's Soccer
Derek Wigman, '07	Men's Basketball
Jonathan (Jon) Kincaid, '08	Baseball
Christina Sullivan, '08	Softball
DeAnna Curtis, '08	Softball

MASCAC Men's Basketball Rookie of the Year—Bill Carey, '10

MASCAC Field Hockey Rookie of the Year—Kelley Muraszko, '10

LITTLE EAST CONFERENCE FIELD HOCKEY ALL-CONFERENCE

Second Team—Meghan Staffiere, '07, Nicole Killian, '09

NEW ENGLAND FOOTBALL CONFERENCE ALL-STARS

Second Team All-Division—Bill Meuse, '07

ECAC NORTHEAST ICE HOCKEY CONFERENCE

Honorable Mention—Ben Colby, '07



Women's Lacrosse in action against Fitchburg State in the home opener.

Women's lacrosse finishes first season

One of the fastest growing sports in the country is women's lacrosse, which as of this spring has become part of Framingham State athletics. In their first-ever club game, the Rams took opponent Salem State to overtime and beat them 7-6 in an intense battle. In their second game of the year, the Rams took on the Westfield State Owls. They fought tough and kept things close before eventually falling to the Owls 15-7.

Despite the loss, the team remains confident. With head coach Laura Peterson, the former Assumption College assistant women's lacrosse coach, at the helm, they have a leader with a solid background in the game. After being rained out April 16, the team finally took the field again the following week against Fitchburg State. This game was one to remember as the Rams were playing for the first time in front of their home crowd.

Even though this year's schedule featured only four games, the team still sees it as an important stepping stone toward longterm success for the young program. Said Caitlin Myers, '08, who had an assist in the opening win against Westfield State, "Even though this is an inaugural season for us, we've taken it very seriously. It gives us a chance to build as a team and prepare for the schedule that we will have next season. Win or lose, we are so proud of how far we've come this year, and I can't wait to see how we progress next season." ■



Reunion 2007

A group of five young adults, three women and two men, are standing outdoors in front of a brick building with many windows. They are all smiling and holding large white signs that display their graduation years. From left to right, the signs show 2006, 2002, 1997, and 1977. The fifth person on the right is partially obscured and their sign is not fully visible.

2006

2002 1997 1977

More than 300 alumni and friends came back to campus during Reunion Weekend, June 1 and 2, 2007, to “Reconnect, Reunite and Reminisce.” Some traveled from as far away as Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Oregon, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. One alumna even drove all the way to FSC from Tennessee—by herself! Class representatives spanned eight decades, and those from 1937 showed just as much energy and excitement as those from 2006. With new events, such as McCarthy’s Pub Night, and annual traditions, like the Procession of the Classes, Reunion Weekend 2007 offered a multitude of festivities for all FSC alumni to enjoy.



Louise Briggs, '37 (left), and Mary Bond, '37, enjoy lunch with President Timothy J. Flanagan.



Cheers! To the class of '57, celebrating its 50th reunion, and to all FSC alumni at reunion weekend 2007.



Carolyn Wlodyka, '57, and her husband, Edward Wlodyka, pose with their antique car.



Alumni share memories at McCarthy's Pub.



Generations of FSC graduates socializing at the all-alumni luncheon.



From left: Shannon McDonald, '00, Nick Foley, '00, Josh Piermarini, '03, John Santos, Jason Triger, '00, and Jason McDonald.



Members of the class of 1957 and their guests enjoy cocktails before dinner with the president.

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Mary Bond, Louise Bates Briggs, Kathleen Ryan Roberts and Claire Foster Hooper, all class of 1937.

1938

Ruth Condon Campbell has lived with her daughter in South Dennis since the death of her husband after 60 years of marriage. She is enjoying the antics of her twin great-grandsons, who have just started to walk.

1951

Beverly Savage is retired and currently teaching bridge as a master teacher, accredited by both the American Contract Bridge League and the American Bridge Teachers' Association.

1952

Grace Norton Carney's son, Paul, established an endowment in her name at the University

of Massachusetts, Amherst. The Grace Norton Carney Scholarship funds tuition plus fees and associated costs in the graduate program of the School of Education. First awarded for the 2006–2007 school year, the scholarship opportunity is available to FSC graduates planning to pursue their education in the UMass graduate program.

1954

Ten members of the Class of 1954 met for lunch in May to initiate plans for their 55th reunion. Suzanne Fitzpatrick Keohane and Marjory Straw Carpenter have graciously agreed to co-chair this event. They will be keeping their classmates informed and sending them information sometime in the fall.

1955

Retirement is enjoyable for Elaine Sullivan. She is taking advantage of the volunteer opportunities it offers and the leisure time for favorite pursuits, especially genealogical research.

1956

Cecelia Summers Grynsel took a gold medal at the 2006 Massachusetts Senior Games Golf Tournament. She will represent Massachusetts at the National Senior Games in Louisville, KY, in June.

1957

Susanne Sterling Howard is busy golfing, volunteering, quilt-making, gardening, and doing genealogy.

Class Notes Coordinator Marilyn Booth Manzella, '69

1958

Ann Looney Paulsen received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Framingham State College at the 2007 commencement for her years of serving as an effective advocate for public education in Massachusetts.

1959

Roberta Cooney Burns worked for 31 years in the Natick school system. She has three children and seven grandchildren. She volunteers with the Aftercare/Re-entry Program at MCI, Framingham and is also on the clinical faculty at Boston College's Lynch School of Education, where she supervises undergraduate and graduate students who are doing practicums in early childhood and elementary education. Her interests include yoga, hiking, reading, art, and spending time with her family.



Judith Johnson Sebastian, '57, and Elinor Horrigan Dooley, '57.

1960

Barbara Empey Pratt is retired from classroom teaching. She is now working part-time as an assistive technology director for Cape Cod Collaborative. She is also raising her 10-year-old grandson, and is a great-grandmother!

1962

Nancy Dias Jordan is a body worker doing massage, craniosacral therapy, Reiki, and ear coning. She is also on the Parent Advisory Board for her son's college, Johnson and Wales University.

1965

Beatrice Nugent Malone is retired from her position as a third grade teacher. She has four children, three of whom are married, and one grandchild. She currently enjoys golfing, skiing, reading, going for walks, and traveling with David, her husband of 41 years.

1966

After teaching in the Waltham school system for 25 years, Carol Close Hazel has retired and is an avid golfer. Married for 39 years, she has three children and three grandchildren. Her son, Chris Hazel, '93, is also an FSC graduate.

Northern California Framingham Club Holds Annual Meeting

Marion Lowe Harkness, '44, Sheila O' Connell Berg, '43, Roberta Skehan Duda, '63, Cheryl Cooper Vargas, '75, Edith Manter Minty, '47, and Susan Anderson, '65, attended a meeting of the Northern California Framingham Club this April. They invite all alumni who live in the region to join them for annual meetings. "We have a very compatible group and a good mix of graduation years," says Berg, the group's secretary. "We welcome all past Framingham graduates to come reminisce with us."

The Echo/Class Notes Policies:

Class Notes includes information about career and professional accomplishments of alumni, as well as news of other alumni activities. Due to space limitations we cannot guarantee the inclusion of text and photos. This issue of the magazine includes Class Notes items received before May 16, 2007.

Margaret Jagling Sullivan retired in February after 12 years of service at Framingham's Bethany Healthcare Center. Peggy served as activities director for the Special Care Alzheimer's unit.

1967

Marilyn "Jane" Rubinwitch Friedberg, assistant director of admissions at Salem State College, has been traveling when possible. She recently visited Greece and the Greek Islands, Prague and Budapest. Jane enjoys working in higher education administration, and remembers fondly her days at FSC during the sixties.

1969

Claire Arsenault Arnold is an infection prevention manager and an environmental safety manager for Bethesda Healthcare System in Florida. She is married with two adult sons, and is interested in motorcycles and gardening.

Jane Travers Morgan recently retired from teaching at the Francis J. Kane Elementary School in Marlborough. She traveled to Spain for a 10-day tour with two other retired teachers, including **Susan "Dee" Crotty Bent**, '69, who retired a year ago.

As chancellor, **Patricia Ford Plummer** represented the Board of Higher Education at the investiture of FSC President Timothy Flanagan in April. She has two children and five grandchildren.

A realtor and tutor, **Mary Keegan Woolley** retired to Florida. She has sold houses to two of her FSC roommates. She has four children, two grandchildren, and another grandchild on the way. "We love southwest Florida," she says. Her warm-weather interests include visiting beaches and the theater, reading, water aerobics, and golf. She writes, "Call me. I'll find you a great place in the sun."

1972

Kathleen Dowd Donelan manages the Milton Academy Bookstore.

63 years old at the time of his graduation, **Roger Gentilhomme** retired in 1975 and started playing tennis, bowling and shuffleboard, among other activities. He spends his time between Dunedin, FL, and Cape Cod. Roger competes in the Senior Olympic Games and has qualified to participate again in nationals to be held in Louisville, KY, in June. In March, he was honored at a ceremony in Palm Beach, FL, by UMass Dartmouth Chancellor Jean F. MacCormack and UMass President Jack M. Wilson. He was also awarded trophies at Clearwater Baseball Field in "Recognition of Spirit and Good Will," and another as "Men's Gold Torch Winner 95-99." He was declared "2006 Athlete of the Year" by the Florida Sports Foundation and received his award at the Florida State Capitol in April. Roger is grateful to be in good health and interested in the events around him.

Barbara Sullivan Smith is a family and consumer sciences teacher for grades 6, 7 and 8 at the Biddeford Middle School in Biddeford, ME. She was also a contributing writer for the published edition of *Adventures in Food*, released by Goodheart-Willcox in 2000.

Janice Lanthier Whelan is serving as center director/education specialist for the Head Start Program in Norton.



Laurie Hebert Boyer, '90, 2007 commencement speaker, with friends who attended the ceremony: left to right, Janet Swart Ryan, elementary education, '90, Mary Tremble, art, '91, Laurie Boyer, Jill Gaudette Shaughnessy, elementary education, '90, Meredith McNeil Hammond, fashion design, '90, and Heather Catusi Dubois, art, '89.

1973

Mary Huegel, former president of Aquinas College in Milton, is currently dean of graduate studies at Endicott College. She represented Endicott at the investiture of FSC President Timothy Flanagan in April.

Myra Pianovich Kovalak is an English teacher for grades 5 and 6 at the St. John Neumann Regional Academy in Williamsport, PA.

Kathleen Baldelli Richov is currently a chemistry teacher at Marlborough High School.

Paula Rooney is the president of Dean College in Franklin. She attended the investiture of FSC President Timothy Flanagan as the representative of Dean College.

Carol Smith is retired now and remains grateful that she was able to attend FSC while parenting five children.

1974

Nancy Blaisdell Castellana is director of food service for The Smith House Healthcare Center in Stamford, CT. She is also a registered dietitian and one of the innkeepers at the family business, the Idlwilde Inn in Watkins Glen, NY.

Currently a first grade teacher at the L.G. Nourse School in Norton, **Virginia O'Neil Charpentier** attained her MEd degree at Cambridge College in 2003. Ginny enjoys quilting, gardening and family fun.

Leo Dalpe was named the next athletic director at Bellingham High School. A Bellingham native, Leo has worked in the school system for 32 years as a social studies teacher and coach.

1975

Dennis Giombetti is currently serving as chair of the Framingham Board of Selectman. In that capacity, Dennis represented the town at the April investiture of FSC President Timothy Flanagan and at May Commencement.

Lance Salmonsén is the owner of the Quaker Deli in Uxbridge.

IN MEMORIAM

FACULTY AND STAFF

Rachel D. Bangs, '30	Feb 2007
Joseph R. Palladino	Mar 2007
Carl H. DeVasto	Apr 2007

ALUMNI

Catherine Smith Anderson, '28	Mar 2007
Rachel D. Bangs, '30	Feb 2007
Edith Davenport Griswold, '30	Apr 2007
Sylvia Conrad Thompson, '30	Jan 2007
Rita Smith Brown, '36	Feb 2007
Dorothy Dowling Perron, '37	Jan 2007
Alma Hersey Hill, '39	Dec 2006
Miriam Walsh Browne, '41	Mar 2007
Grace Flavin Cunningham, '41	Mar 2007
Betty Story Hogan, '41	Jan 2007
Evelyn Calabrese Chick, '42	Mar 2007
Edith Grace Mott, '43	Dec 2006
Shirley Noyes Greene, '44	Nov 2006
Roxana Boyer Osgood, '48	Feb 2007
Ruth Karl Buss, '52	Mar 2007
Mary Jane Morrison Connolly, '52	May 2007
Kathleen Kelly Mahoney, '52	Mar 2007
Mary Dawn Allen Murphy, '54	Apr 2007
Claire Courtemanche Whittle, '54	Mar 2007
Priscilla Daley Stringfellow, '58	Dec 2006
Elizabeth Bordash Hendrickson, '71	Jan 2007
Jennifer S. Matthews, G'74	Feb 2007
Robert R. Coggin, '79	Feb 2007
Marie McDonnell Bluemmel, '83	Nov 2006
Patricia A. Hertl, '92, '96	Aug 2006
Muriel Volk Paul, '96	Mar 2007

Annual Rams Booster Club Golf Tournament

A foursome at the golf tournament in June. Left to right: Frank Piso, '87, Rich Russo, '85, Steve Dahill, and Brian Smith, '85.

Save the date for the 27th tournament next year: Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at the Marlborough Country Club.



1977

Karen Yuchnevicz Dismachek is currently a private music instructor living in California.

Margaret Brodeur Guardiani has had a very exciting year. She was inducted into the FSC Athletic Hall of Fame, and is currently the president of the FSC Alumni Association. A permanent scholarship was established in her name by the Citizen's Scholarship Foundation of Marlborough, where she had been the organization's president for four years and involved for over ten years. She is employed by the State Street Corporation in Boston and has been working in the finance arena for the past seven years. Maggie writes, "Much more has happened over the years and, hopefully, we can do some catching up at our 30th reunion on June 2."

Joseph Sano is married to **Lora Roberts Sano, '81**, and they have two children. He currently works as an attorney for the Boston-based law firm Prince, Lobel, Glovsky & Tye, LLP.

1979

Beatrice Campanale Goudey is the graphics and marketing director for a small environmental company.

Joan Cuniff Hultgren is the president of the Diabetes Educators of Eastern Massachusetts. She is a certified diabetes educator and is presently the coordinator of an American Dietetics Association Recognized Diabetes Program, overseeing three sites.

Diane Webber Kagel is director of communications at New York Life Investment Management in New Jersey.

Pat Brown McGregor is a grandmother to newborn Jackson Xavier Bowen, who was born on Christmas Day 2006.

Nancy Nyhan has retired from administration at Emerson College and is currently involved in volunteer activities in Cambridge.

1980

Sherry Ambrose is a member of the banking studies faculty at New England College of Finance (NECF), a private two-year school. NECF's part-time adjunct faculty members are industry experts and distinguished professionals in their fields.

West Roxbury Main Streets, which seeks to promote West Roxbury's business districts, named **Mary Beth Heffernan** secretary of the Executive Board for 2007. She has served as secretary and board member since 2005. As chair of the FSC Board of Trustees, Mary Beth presided over the investiture of President Timothy Flanagan in April.

1982

Donna Beales is the research column editor for *The Journal of Hospital Librarianship*. She is also a freelancer, an artist, and has been published in the NY Times bestselling series, *Chicken Soup for the Soul*. She shares studio space in the Lowell area with her husband, **Thomas Beales, '82**, who is currently exhibiting landscape photography in various galleries.



At The Gatepost 75th celebration, Susan Hamm Velilla, '83, and Martin Velilla, '82, former photo editors, with Dr. Desmond McCarthy, '81, faculty advisor to The Gatepost.

Judith Tighe DePaolo is a senior communications specialist at the A.I.M. Mutual Insurance Company in Burlington.

Catherine Moloney Merra, along with her husband Mike, are the founders of The Granite State Flash, a youth cross country program for New Hampshire runners, ages 8-14. Since the beginning of the program in 2001, the Flash has qualified 24 teams for the National Junior Olympic competitions,

winning three national championships. Thirteen Flash runners have been named All-Americans. Cathy also coaches track and cross country at the middle and high school levels in public schools. Cathy is the daughter-in-law of **Judith Merra, G'01**, of Sudbury.

Christine Schweer Syriac is the new assistant superintendent of the public schools in Seymour, CT. She had been principal of the Seymour Middle School since 2004 and will take over her new responsibilities in July.

Martin Velilla is a computer technician for the Sherborn Public Schools.

1983

Elaine Yehle Bowen is employed as a registered dietitian and nutrition consultant for the Head Start program of Akron Summit Community Action in Akron, OH.

Victor Liberatore is a CO technician for Verizon.

Susan Hamm Velilla is the marketing communications manager at Ovid Technologies in Norwood.

1984

D. Scott Calhoun presented the topic, "The Presidency and Society 1889-1945: A Technical Guide," at the Massachusetts Computer Using Educators (MassCue) conference in Sturbridge in November. He published an article, "Using PowerPoint to Construct a Multimedia Approach to the Presidency," in the spring 2007 edition of *OnCue*. A second article, "The Presidency and Society 1889-1945: A Technical Guide," is scheduled for publication in *OnCue's* spring 2007 edition.

1985

A priest for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Worcester, **Kenneth Cardinale** serves as pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in West Boylston. He has his master of divinity degree from Blessed John XXIII National Seminary in Weston.

1986

William Vickery, who has worked at Bank Five since 2005, was promoted to branch manager and banking officer at the Huttleston Avenue office in Fairhaven.

1987

Maura Alves Donahue is a foster parent recruiter for Devereux Therapeutic Foster Care, a private non-profit organization that provides intensive foster care for special needs children. In 2006, she received Devereux's Executive Director's Award for Excellence. Maura would love to hear from alumni who are considering foster care or adoption. She can be contacted at 866-334-3879, or by e-mail at mdonahue@devereux.org.

Irene Foster, a professor in the FSC consumer sciences department, recently attended a meeting of the Inter/National Coalition for Electronic Portfolio Research in Omaha, NE. She also appeared on Boston's Channel 4 TV in a consumer report segment on "Getting the Best Retail Value for Your Dollar." Irene had her case study, "Improving Performance in Children's Accessories," published in *Merchandising Mathematics for Retailing*. She presented "Fashion Careers for the 21st Century:

Designer to Consumer" at the New Hampshire Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

1988

Laurie Hauver Gunn is the vice president of human resources operations at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

Gail Shapiro and Carla Cataldo announced the release of their new e-guide, "Introduction to Proposal Writing: A Self-Study Guide," that is available at www.gailshapiro.com. Gail is a charitable-giving consultant and was honored by President Bush in 2002 as a Daily Point of Light, recognizing her many years of volunteer service.

1989

Colleen Clinkscale Lynch, G'97, and her husband, Timothy, welcomed the birth of a son, Asher John, in November.

Scott Soderberg and his wife, Mary, of Uxbridge are parents to newborn son Nolan Ryan, who arrived in November.

1990

Laurie Hebert Boyer was the speaker at the Framingham State College 2007 commencement when she was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Science. Laurie was recently appointed to the faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Emeriti professors of psychology Harry Julia, center left, Hal Keiss and Douglas Bloomquist with their spouses, Sandy Kiess, left, Gwen Julia and Paula Bloomquist.

Susanne McGinnis Conley, associate vice president of academic affairs and dean of students at Framingham State College, recently received her doctoral degree in higher education administration from the University of Massachusetts in Boston.

WHITTMANHART, a Chicago-based consulting firm specializing in digital communications, process improvement, and enabling technologies has named **Mark Sullivan** president of consulting, charged with expanding and growing the company's consulting division. Mark has more than 16 years of business consulting experience and lives in Georgia.

1991

Carmel Roach Bergeron is the math curriculum leader at Dover-Sherborn Middle School and recently returned to campus to participate on a panel of FSC math graduates in April.

Nancy Barrett Ceriani is a stay-at-home mother to Ashley, 9; Steven, 7; Lauren, 5; and Meghan, 2.

Ryan Alexander Dupuis was born to **Heather Erickson Dupuis** and her husband, Thomas, in January.

Geoffrey Richelew is the research director for the Committee on Election Laws for the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

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1992

Christine Karmeris Early and her husband, John, of Medway are parents of a son, John Graham, born in January in Framingham.

Richard Eppink has been promoted to vice president of the special markets department of New York Life Insurance Company. He currently resides in Palm Harbor, FL, with his wife, Michelle, and two sons.

Sandra Piccolo Savage, a director of marketing and events, has one son, Anthony, born in July 2003.

Nancy Ahern Sullivan is a senior staffing specialist in the human resources department of Fidelity Investments in Boston.

1993

Robin Kemerer Benoit, and her husband Mark, welcomed the birth of their daughter, Jessica Claire, in February. Jessica joins her brother Samuel.

Chris Hazel teaches television production at Waltham High School. He is the son of Carol Close Hazel, '66.

Shelly Nichols MacNeill has worked for the Massachusetts State Legislature and currently serves as chief-of-staff to a state senator. She is actively involved with the Colonial Park PTO and the school community in Stoneham.

Michelle Christie Usenia and her husband, Peter, are parents of daughter Caroline Rose, who was



Dr. Forest White, '93, speaker at senior investiture, with Professor Emeritus of Chemistry Larry Simonson. (See note)

born in December. She joins four-year-old brother, Jake, at home.

Dr. Forest White is an assistant professor of biological engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was the speaker at the 2007 senior investiture in March. He shared some of his life's lessons with the seniors, including "You have to work hard to succeed"; "Failure is not the end of the world"; "Confidence is a self-fulfilling prophesy"; and "You can change!"

1994

Michelle Lambert Alves is a human resources generalist for Science Applications International Corporation.

Lona Coppellotti Benway, her husband Jay, and sons Anthony and Nicholas welcomed the birth of son and brother, Andrew Italo, born last December.

Heather Carlton Brown is an executive assistant for Waters Corporation of Milford.

Kathleen Lamb Morse, along with husband David welcomed the birth of a son, Andrew John, in December.

Hope Murray Tremblay is editor of *The Holyoke Sun* for Turley Publications.

1995

William Carnicelli, and his wife, Aimee, are parents of a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, born in December.

Renee Favreau Katziff, and her husband, Mark, of Falmouth, welcomed the birth of their daughter, Kayla Joan, last December. She joins her brothers, Nicholas and Darren.

Mary Keith misses FSC, but reports that "life is good." She is currently the press officer for the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

Jennifer MacGillivray is a manager for the Follett Higher Education group.

Chad Parenteau is a research assistant at the Veterans Administration Healthcare System, where he is also a trainer for the National Ocular Telehealth Program that uses state-of-the-art retinal cameras in diabetic patient care. He has had work published in *French Connections*, *Shampoo*, and in the *Wilderness House Literary Review*. Barva Press will be publishing his "Poems for my Apartments" in 2008.

Catherine Socha Rathbun is the director of cafeteria operations at the St. Mary School in Putnam, CT.

Michelle Laffoley Sullivan is the team leader for personnel parachutes under the Aerial Delivery Equipment group at the Natick Labs. Her group manages a wide variety of aerial delivery assets for the Department of Defense. Most of the items sold are used daily by soldiers and are also used for humanitarian and rebuilding efforts. The group's cargo slings were recently used to fill in the levees in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Michelle is the co-editor-in-chief of the *Aerial Delivery Magazine* credits her education at FSC for her success.

Richard Wirth is the editor of *Living Spaces*, a new magazine showcasing interior and exterior design projects in western Massachusetts and northern Connecticut.

1996

Jacquelyn Ghilani Haviland and her husband, Timothy, are parents of a son, Patrick Jon, born in Newton, in November.

Bret Kerr is a designer for the Globe Pequot Press.

Elizabeth Follett Last and her husband, Patrick, welcomed their daughter, Jaymie Michelle, born last October in Newton.

Joseph Murphy is a helpdesk manager at the Massachusetts Biologic Labs in Jamaica Plain.

Stephen Phelan currently holds the position of cable technician for Boston Wireless, Inc.

Jason Portanova is a software quality assurance engineer for Avid Technology.

WEDDINGS

Nancy L. Ahern, '92, and Robert A. Sullivan, Jr.

Joseph R. Poletto, '97, and Jonah A. Ward
Rebecca A. Eaton, '99, and John Babb

Stephen H. MacKinnon, '99, and
Jaime-lyn Baldner

Kristy L. Fontaine, '00, and David E. Reed

Lisa M. Hoglund, '00, and Brian Zancewicz

Kellie A. Ring, '00, and Eric C. Horsman

Tracie L. Morse, '01, and Kian A.
Tajiani, '04

Jessica J. Racca, '01, and Jason Lumaghini

Colleen A. McGowan, '03, and Patrick J.
Whalen, '04

Laura E. McGuire, '03, and Daniel Gill

Patricia A. Diaz, '03, and Alexander E.
Savage

Rachel S. Honer, '04, and Richard G.
Johnson

Lindsay K. Hoss, '04, and Jonathan D.
Morse

Kian A. Tajiani, '04, and Tracie L.
Morse, '01

Patrick J. Whalen, '04, and Colleen A.
McGowan, '03

Candice M. Porter, '06, and Scott Gaultitz

1997

Matt Bushell moved out to Los Angeles in 2000 and got his start acting in commercials. He has since become a member of the Screen Actor's Guild and has appeared in movies and TV shows such as "Heroes," "CSI: New York," and "24." He will also be in the upcoming movie "Leatherheads," which will star George Clooney and Renee Zellweger.

Pina Loffa Butler and her husband, **Daniel**, '98, welcomed their son, Joseph Anthony, born last November in Framingham.

Keryn Wetzel Franks and her husband, Stephen, are parents of a son, Jeremy William, born in Milford last September. Jeremy joins three-year-old Jared at home.

Dan Mathers is a self-employed freelance writer and the publisher of the online New England travel and adventure magazine, *Six States* (www.sixstates.net). In addition, he is a stay-at-home dad.

Susan Luperchio Mendoza is employed as a registered dietitian.

Joseph Poletto is employed as the assistant to the president at Halliwell Engineering Associates. He was recently married at Trinity Episcopal Church, Copley Square, to Dr. Jonah Allen Ward, the senior associate dean of students at Brown University. The couple are residents of Bay Village, Boston, and Providence, RI.



Ram Iyer, '06, and a friend at Foxwoods.

Julie Grossman Walker is a sales manager for ARAMARK and the proud mother of two boys, ages five and seven.

James Ward is the vice president of SR Exterior Construction in Framingham.

1998

Michael McIsaac and his wife, Susan, of Milford announced the birth of their son, Aaron Michael, last December. He joins his two-year-old sister, Ashley Rosemary.

Elizabeth Stevens works for the IRA Motor Group in Milford.

Mary Beth Tomaszewski loves her job as the homecare sales coordinator for Liko, Inc., where she enjoys using the skills she developed while working on *The Gatepost*. She also became a grandmother for the first time this year.

1999

Eric Anderson resides in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, where he is a carpenter.

Tina Loffa Collins and her husband, Michael, welcomed the birth of a son, Aiden Bruce, in December.

Sotirios Georgiopoulos, G'06, is a pharmaceutical sales specialist and field trainer for AstraZeneca.

Kerri Hosmer Gulesserian is a marketing and project manager for MetLife Auto and Home Insurance.

Stephen MacKinnon is pursuing a master's degree at Westfield State College while working as a clinical researcher for the University of Connecticut Health Center.

Cory Lee Mulvey, G'04, is employed as a family therapist.

Stephanie Pascale Tesorero, along with husband, Dana, welcomed a daughter, Emma Marguerite, last October in Framingham.

Dennis Tupper recently accepted a position as a market recruiter at Winter, Wyman Company in Waltham. He was previously employed as field marketing manager northeast at Bally Total Fitness.

Gretchen Paige Uthoff was born in January to Jeff and **Paula Menard Uthoff, G'06**. Gretchen has an older sister, Ava, who is two years old.

2000

John Connors is employed by Raytheon in Sudbury as a senior software engineer.

Joni Croswell is currently pursuing a master's degree in education at Lesley University.

Charles Dufault is an eighth grade English language arts teacher in the Springfield School District.

Clarence Dyer and his wife, Christina, are parents of a son, Mason Walter, who was born in Framingham during January.

Kellie Ring Horsman works at About Faces in Waltham and Hilaire's Salon and Spa in Braintree.

Rose Lorenzo Lupo-Colonna was born in January in Falmouth to **Katie Lupo** and her husband, Patrick Colonna.

Kristy Fontaine Reed is a senior marketing analyst in the corporate office of BJ's Wholesale Club in Natick. Following her September marriage, she lives in Webster.

Kenneth Schafer is a quality engineer for The MathWorks.

Lisa Hoglund Zancewicz is a fourth-grade teacher at the Miller School in Holliston.

2001

Frank Blake is currently a system administrator for Massachusetts Bay Community College.

Patricia Sanchez Connally was recently promoted from admissions counselor to assistant director of admissions/coordinator of multicultural recruitment at Framingham State College.



Paul Raffa, '01. (See note)

Christina Gougoulis is an administrative assistant at the Charles River Association for Retarded Citizens in Needham.

Karen Hayes, G'05, is happy to announce her engagement to Matthew Poltrino of Lynn. The wedding ceremony is planned for late spring 2008.

Kathleen Moore Holt traveled from Salt Lake City, UT, with her husband, Ben, to be an attendant in the April wedding of **Rebecca Eaton, '99**, and John Babb in Whitman. While in the east, the Hols enjoyed a visit to the FSC campus.

Jessica Racca Lumaghini works as a senior claims adjuster at Safety Insurance Company in Boston.

Jenny Meyvaert is an intake specialist for C.R.W. Elder Services.

Amy Padden received a black belt in karate last December.

Paul Raffa was recently appointed to the newly-created position of business development manager for the Southbridge Credit Union. He will represent the credit union in community activities, provide retail staff training, and pursue direct marketing programs.

Lisa Sherman is an auto damage appraiser for Liberty Mutual insurance company.

Tracie Morse Tajiani is a paramedic in the emergency room of the MetroWest Medical Center in Framingham.

2002

Peter Brandwein is a sporting goods buyer for the Natick Outdoor Store.

Adam Goulet and his wife, Tracy, welcomed the December birth of daughter Ava Caroline.

Andrea Prova Hearn is teaching at the elementary level. She was recently on a panel of alumni invited to speak to the FSC Math Club about careers in mathematics education.

Suzanne Thornton Henricksen recently accepted a position at The Clorox Company in Oakland, CA, as associate marketing intelligence manager. She graduated from the Thunderbird School of Global Management where she earned an MBA with the highest GPA in her class.

Charles Johnson is the department manager for paper and chemicals at Walmart in Framingham. He is interested in internet comics and blogging.

Kathleen Lynch works at Framingham State College as the sports information director.

Maggie Maginnis is happy to announce her engagement to Scott Thoresen. The wedding is planned to take place on July 28, 2007.

Kimberly Anne Stapleton is employed as the Web site manager for Abigail's Children's Boutique in Wellesley.

Michelle Kealey Symington is a communications specialist for The Hartford in Connecticut.

2003

In April, **Johanna Bolton**, **Jennifer Jordan** and **John Meaney** were all invited by the FSC Math Club to participate on a panel with former math majors. They spoke about their careers and current jobs.

Jacqueline Chappell Cameron graduated from Southern New England School of Law in May 2006. She passed the Connecticut bar examination and was admitted to the practice of law at the end of October 2006. A partner in the law firm of Blais & Parent located in Mansfield, Jacqueline took the Massachusetts bar examination in February 2007.

Kristen Carnevale is a registered dietitian at Hallmark Health.

Linda Christen is currently a doctoral student in sociology and anthropology at Northeastern University. She is also a visiting lecturer in the FSC sociology department.

Caitlin Cunniff is currently a client service associate at IBG in Wellesley.

Patricia Diaz Savage is employed as a payroll representative for Staples, Inc.

Currently working on her master's degree, **Laura McGuire Gill** is employed as a teacher in the Charlton school system.

Jessica Greene teaches first grade at the Placentino School in Holliston.



Martha Dow Nichols, '67, and Bonnie Lea Blomquist, '67, at the Friday evening pub social at reunion.

Katherine Kellett is a doctoral student and college instructor in English at Boston College.

Chanda Lombardo Valis and her husband, TJ, welcomed their daughter, Summer Brooke, in September.

Colleen McGowan Whalen attends the New England School of Law and is employed by Evergreen Investments as a mutual fund compliance analyst.

2004

The MathWorks, Inc. employs **Benjamin Benton** as a revenue accounting and controls specialist.

Christopher Coukos is the operations manager for Tweeter.

Currently pursuing a master's degree in business administration from Strayer University, **Allison Counter** is employed as manager of the central scheduling department at Angels Neurological Centers.

Daryll Gatie is the owner of Beach Groundworks, Inc. in Virginia Beach, VA.

Laura Harvey is employed as a Spanish teacher at the high school in Douglas.

Rachel Honer Johnson is a kindergarten teacher at Goddard Preschool in Northborough.

Joyce Kelly is currently a reporter for the Community Newspaper Company.

Nancy Lembo is employed in Sudbury as a special education teacher at the Peter Noyes School.

In December, **Kyle MacLennan** and his wife, Elizabeth, welcomed their son, Stephen Robert, who was born in Newton.

Jennifer Miller is a marketing representative at American Funds in Norfolk, VA.

Lindsay Hoss Morse is employed by Head Start in Worcester.

Margaret Pappas is a senior fund accountant for Brown Brothers Harriman in Boston.

Gonzalo Puigbo is the regional sales manager for Eastern Bank.

Daniel Richard is employed by the Framingham State College Admissions Office. He also serves FSC as assistant coach for the ice hockey team.

Nicole Soucy is the public affairs coordinator for the UMass Medical School in Worcester.

Kian Tajani works at EMC in Westborough, where he is a software engineer.

Jason Walker works as an accountant for Surgi-Care Inc.

Patrick Whalen is employed as a sales representative for Pro Tool & Supply of Waltham.

2005

Vincent Cappetta, and his wife Heather, are parents of a daughter, Megan Dalia, who was born last December.

While pursuing a master's degree, **Jennifer Chaput** is a fourth-grade teacher in Framingham.

Rosalind Forber is a fifth-grade teacher at the Miller Elementary School in Holliston, teaching math and science in a two-teacher team. "I love working with 10 year olds," she says.

Richard Gadoury is the Striar Jewish Community Center aquatics director and is planning to be one of 14 Massachusetts residents to take part in the 15th annual Alcatraz Sharkfest Swim from Alcatraz Island to the northern tip of San Francisco Bay in June.

Kelly Hogan is employed as a case manager for Griswold Special Care in Needham.

Meghan Miller is working for Fox SportsNet, AT&T Broadband, and local television as a freelance production specialist and reporter.

Jaclyn Pelletier is the transfer credit coordinator at Bentley College in Waltham.

Amanda Bell Regan, and her husband, Michael, welcomed the birth of a daughter, Emma Belle, in November.

Serena Springstead is a customer service consultant and online marketer for CSN Stores.

Gregory Stein is employed as controller at the Longfellow Sports Club.

Donna Stella is a second-grade teacher in the Everett Public Schools and is attending Lesley University for her master's degree.



A happy evening at the reunion pub social.



President Flanagan, center front, and Vice President, Academic Affairs, Robert Martin, front right, in March at U.S. Army Soldiers Systems Center (Natick Labs), with several FSC faculty and staff and many of the FSC alumni who work at the Center. FSC continues its collaboration with Natick Labs through research and internships.

Currently studying for his master's degree at UMass Dartmouth, **Christopher Tresca** is a high school social studies teacher in the Carver Public Schools.

Joseph Turner is a police officer in the North Attleboro Police Department.

2006

Jeanne Albrecht is currently working as a marketing specialist at Honey Dew Associates in Plainville.

Jacqueline Fornaro is a member of the technical support staff for TeenFreeway.com.

Lindsey Gardner is working for *The Clipper Press* in Duxbury as a pre-press coordinator.

Candi Porter Gaulitz was married to Scott Gaulitz in August, with FSC Students **Sarah Gaulitz, '07**, and **Heather Morrical, '07**, serving as bridesmaids. Candi works at CGI Interactive Communications, a multi-media company. She began as a project manager and has recently been promoted to sales.

Ramakrishna Iyer is a software engineer with the EMC Corporation.

Lisa MacGillivray is a resident director at Nichols College in Dudley. She represented Nichols at the April Investiture of FSC President Timothy Flanagan.

Jennifer Mackie is a teacher in the public school system in Chicopee.

Michael Maloney is a logistics management specialist for the Aerial Delivery Equipment group at the Natick Labs. He is also the editor and manager of the Aerial Delivery Magazine, and recently went on a 180-day journey to Kuwait to work as a deployed civilian employee.

James McEvoy is a freelance correspondent for the *Malden Observer*, covering local municipal meetings and writing feature profiles of local citizens and organizations.

Audrey Murdock is selling health insurance for self-employed and small business owners and using her art skills to create posters for drug awareness.

Nicole Watson is employed as a loan officer for the United Funding Corporation, and serves as the managing partner for Holliston Net News.

GRADUATE CLASS NOTES

1974

Carol MacGregor owns a photography studio in Natick. She has specialized in weddings but is now expanding her business to include individual and family portraiture. Her work can be viewed at www.happygatherings.com.

1991

Mary Jane Mangan serves as a secretary in the Clinton Public Schools. With her husband, Tim, she has an 18-year-old daughter and a 14-year-old son.

1994

Andrew Keough has been hired as Wellesley High School's new principal. Previously, he served as the assistant principal at Hopkinton High School and principal of Medfield High.

Jane Polley is a nutritionist at the Longfellow Health Clubs in Natick and Wayland.

Jennifer Roberts was recently named principal of the Pentucket Lake Elementary School in Haverhill. She will take over her responsibilities as principal July 1.

In January, **Adam Sisitsky** and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed the birth of a son, Jonah.

1996

Framingham's Deputy Chief of Police, **Craig Davis**, was recently honored as the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award for the Knox Trail Council Boy Scouts of America. The award is the council's highest honor, presented to an outstanding volunteer in recognition of service to youth in the community.

Anthony Teso is the director of pupil personnel and special education in the Harwich Public Schools. He was recently featured in the *Cape Cod Chronicle*.

2000

Katherine Almy Mahon and her husband have launched their own business, Potluck Puzzles. So far they have created and published two books of

interactive nutrition puzzles which are designed to teach and reinforce important concepts in diabetes education.

Patrick Larkin has accepted the position of principal at Burlington High School, beginning in July. He has been the principal at Peabody Veterans Memorial High School, where he served for the past three years. Prior to his position as principal, Patrick was the assistant principal and dean of students at Nipmuc Regional Middle-High School in Upton.

Timothy O'Leary has joined the faculty at the New England College of Finance, a private two-year college in Boston.

2003

James Hannon is a faculty member at the New England College of Finance in Boston.

2004

Shelley Greenstein has joined the team at the North Reading Middle School and is teaching Spanish.

2005

Mary Bell currently teaches math to special education students at Wareham High School.

2006

Victor Melendez Torres is currently serving as co-investigator in a research project evaluating the effectiveness of a cognitive-behavioral psycho-educational intervention for parents of cancer patients. His work is funded by the National Institutes of Health through the University of Puerto Rico.

2007

Alana LeClaire is an art teacher in the Grafton Public Schools and at the Worcester Art Museum.

Kathleen Messuri is a teacher in the Billerica Public School system.

Five Distinguished Alumni Honored

At Reunion 2007 five alumni received Distinguished Alumni Awards in recognition of their outstanding achievements. Many congratulations to all of them!

Kathleen Maguire Cody, '51*

BS in Home Economics

The late Kathleen Maguire Cody, '51, a pioneer in television programming and performing, was an early role model for women on TV and a trendsetter in TV cookery programs. In the 1950s she produced, directed and performed two popular live shows, "Menu Magic" on WBZ Channel 4 in Boston and "Taste Time" on General Electric's WRGB in Schenectady, NY. During this period, Cody was also a recognized spokesperson in advertising and consumer education for major corporations. She gave up her performing career upon marriage, continuing to teach food preparation and cooking. Her husband, Tom Cody, received the award on behalf of his wife.

** Awarded posthumously.*



The five award recipients, l. to r.: Judith Gilbride, '66, Ruth Erno, '42, Thomas Cody, husband of the late Kathleen Cody, '51, Robert Crowley, '80, and Patricia Plummer, '69.

operates at the molecular level. Crowley is president and co-founder of two innovative technology research companies, AMBIT Corporation and Soundwave Research Laboratories, both in Ashland. He designs highly sensitive microphones for audio and musical recording and others used in the medical world that can pick up fine, minute signals inside the body. Crowley was recently recognized as the holder of two of the top ten nanotech patents for 2006.

cialist and program analyst, enlisted in the Naval Reserve in 1942, serving for twelve years. She subsequently worked at an engineering company on projects in support of the Navy's communications programs. Erno has received numerous awards, including the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Naval Reserve Medal, World War II Victory Medal, American Area Campaign Medal, the Secretary of the Navy Coast Reduction Award and the Defense Management Improvement Award.

Robert J. Crowley, '80

BA in Art

Robert J. Crowley, '80, a prolific technology activist, writer and inventor with more than 100 patents to date, is an acknowledged pioneer in nanotechnology, state-of-the-art technology that

Ruth Rothberg Erno, '42

BS in Elementary Education

Retired U.S. Navy Commander Ruth Rothberg Erno, '42, a communications spe-

Judith A. Coffman Gilbride, PhD, RD, '66

BS in Home Economics

Judith A. Coffman Gilbride, PhD, RD, '66, is a professor and chair of the Department of Nutrition, Food Studies and Public Health at New York University, where she earned her master's and doctoral degrees. Her research interests include nutritional assessment, nutrition and gerontology,

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and clinical nutrition management. She has edited the journal *Topics in Clinical Nutrition* for the past fourteen years and has published more than forty peer-reviewed scientific articles. Gilbride is the president of the American Dietetic Association, the nation's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals with 65,000 members, which serves the public by promoting optimal health and well-being for all people.

Patricia Ford Plummer, PhD, '69
BS in Home Economics

Patricia Ford Plummer, PhD, '69, is the chancellor of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, which oversees the University of Massachusetts system's five campuses, nine state colleges and fifteen community colleges. She was previously deputy chancellor for policy and planning for the Board. She has a master's degree in nutrition from Tufts University and her doctorate in higher education administration from Boston College. Plummer worked at FSC for more than nineteen years as a professor of consumer sciences, department chair and associate vice president for academic affairs. ■

**Update on Relationship between Framingham State College
and the Independent Association of Framingham State Alumni**

IAFSA Board elects not to sell house; FSC to use funds previously supporting IAFSA for student scholarships

During the past two years, the college has assiduously been negotiating terms for a closer relationship with the IAFSA. One of the terms was to have been the sale of Alumni House to the college by August 31, 2008.

At its June 18, 2007, meeting, the IAFSA board elected not to sell Alumni House, located at 42 Adams Road contiguous to the campus. While the college is disappointed in this decision, we see a wonderful opportunity to use all the funds that have previously sustained the IAFSA and Alumni House's operations—\$72,000 per year over the past two years—to support students directly.

As a result of IAFSA's decision, we are announcing a new scholarship fund, the Framingham State College Alumni Scholarship Fund. Every dollar in this fund will be spent entirely on student scholarships. The \$72,000 annual expense that formerly supported IAFSA will now be dedicated to ten Alumni Scholarships per class year. And, Alumni Scholarships will be renewable for four years for students who maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

To augment this fund, make your gift today—and help the students of 2007 receive the same great Framingham State College education you did. If you would like to contribute to the Framingham State College Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, please contact Alan Quebec at 508-626-4586, development@frc.mass.edu, or go to www.framingham.edu/giving and click "Make a Gift." ■

Alumni Trip to Foxwoods

It was a lucky group of alumni, indeed, who headed off for an afternoon of fun at Foxwoods Resort & Casino on April 28. The group, ranging in graduation years from 1957 through 2006, enjoyed a full day of gaming, shopping, socializing and dining. Each attendee received a casino package, which covered the cost of a couple of Keno games and also a buffet meal. Most alumni took their chances with the complimentary Keno cards, but a few decided to take a gamble with slot machines, table games, poker, and even bingo. Several FSC alumni climbed onto the bus at the end of the day with their pockets heavier in earnings, but it was certainly a "winning" trip for all who attended.



Ready for fun at Foxwoods.

Alumni Events

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2007

Tanglewood

Departure from campus: 10 a.m.

Performance time: 2:30 p.m.

Departure from Tanglewood: 5 p.m.

Cost: \$75 per person

Includes transportation, reserved seating in The Shed, picnic lunch, and, of course, wine.

Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra

Keith Lockhart, Conductor

Jean-Yves Thibaudet, Piano

Marin Mazzie, Soprano

Brian Stokes Mitchell, Baritone

All-Gershwin Program.

*Variations on "I Got Rhythm,"
for piano and orchestra*

Selection from the Gershwin Songbook

An American in Paris

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

Boston Red Sox vs. Minnesota Twins

Pre-game reception at
Pizzeria Uno included.

Game time: 7:05 p.m.

Cost: \$59 per person

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2007

New York City Trip: Holiday Shopping and Sight Seeing

Plan your own day in New York City

Departure from campus

Maple commuter lot: 7 a.m.

Departure from

Rockefeller Center: 6 p.m.

Cost: \$40

OCTOBER 2007

FSC Heads West to California

President Flanagan will be visiting alumni in **San Francisco, Los Angeles** and **San Diego** during the month of October. More information on specific dates will be announced in the near future. If you would like to attend a reception with the president when he visits, please contact us at alumni@frc.mass.edu.

RESERVE EARLY! For tickets or information on alumni events, please contact Nina Ricci at 508-626-4012 or nricci@frc.mass.edu. For regular updates on alumni news and events in the Hilltop Happenings e-newsletter, please e-mail alumni@frc.mass.edu with the subject line: "Subscribe Hilltop Happenings."

Save the Date!

FRAMINGHAM STATE COLLEGE Homecoming

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2007

FSC Rams vs. Westfield Owls

For more information on Homecoming events, contact the Alumni Relations Office at 508-626-4561 or alumni@frc.mass.edu, or visit www.framingham.edu/alumni/

Football, friends and fun!

- Pre-Game Tailgate BBQ: 11:30 a.m.
Free food and soft drinks
- Game Time: 1:30 p.m.
Free admission to game for individuals wearing FSC apparel.
- Post-Game Tailgate until 7:00 p.m.

Giving Back



Peter Salenius, '90, and his wife, Cheri Petersen Salenius, '96, of Mendon, have given a generous endowment of \$25,000 to Framingham State College in memory of Peter's father, Dr. Elmer Salenius, a member of the faculty from 1953 to 1985 and chair of the English department for twenty-four years.

"My connection to FSC goes back as long as I can remember," Peter recalls. "I actually attended the pre-school in the basement of Hemenway Hall when I was a child. Later, when I graduated in 1990, my father was awarded an honorary degree. He spoke at my commencement, and got to hand me my diploma. Needless to say, we were pretty proud of each other.

"Education was always very important to my dad, so remembering him in this way is most appropriate. And Cheri and I are pleased to be able to give a little back to the college. We each received an outstanding education at FSC, and look forward to helping others achieve success while at the same time honoring my father's memory."

WAYS OF GIVING TO FRAMINGHAM STATE COLLEGE

GIFTS OF CASH

Making a donation of cash is as simple as writing a check or authorizing a charge on your credit card. From your standpoint, it's no fuss, no bother. Framingham State College can put your contribution to work without delay.

GIFTS OF SECURITIES

Stock that has increased in value is one of the most popular assets used for charitable giving, once it has been held for a minimum of a year. Making a gift of securities to us offers you the chance to help Framingham State College while realizing many important benefits for yourself.

GIFTS OF CLOSELY HELD STOCK

A donation of your closely held stock can be a fine way to make a sizable charitable contribution while realizing valuable tax benefits.

GIFTS OF RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS

If you're like many Americans, your financial future will likely revolve around your retirement plan assets. To maximize the value of a retirement account, consider making a lifetime gift of its after-tax values to a tax-exempt deferred giving plan.

GIFTS OF REAL ESTATE

Using real estate, such as your house, farm or commercial property, to fund a gift allows you to preserve your cash assets, receive significant tax and income advantages and make a larger charitable gift than anticipated.

GIFTS OF LIFE INSURANCE

Donating your life insurance could be a wonderful way to fulfill your desire to support our work. By making Framingham State College the beneficiary of an existing policy, you make good use of your resources and expand your ability to make a significant gift.

To learn more about planned giving, please go to www.framingham.edu/giving, contact the Office of Advancement at 508-626-4035 or e-mail aquebec@frc.mass.edu. Thank you for supporting Framingham State College.



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